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POST OF MINES RESEARCH OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the number of posts of Mines Research Officers in Directorate General of Mines Safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to ensure regular inspection of all mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): There are no posts of Mines Research Officers in the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The inspection of mines is a continuous process. There are a very large number of mines distributed across the country which need inspection as per the Act, regular inspection of these mines need a large complement of staff which is not available presently. The Government is, therefore, examining the need to increase the staff who could be used for these inspections through a cadre review and also by conducting a study to assess the requirement of staff. A proposal to transfer the powers of inspections of small mines to the State Governments is also under consideration through an amendment in the Mines Act.